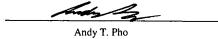


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Steve Teig

Serial No.: 09/739,589

Filing Date: 12/15/2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

PRE-COMPUTING AND USING MULTIPLE PLACEMENT COST ATTRIBUTES TO QUANTIFY THE QUALITY OF A PLACEMENT

CONFIGURATION WITHIN A

PARTITIONED REGION

Examiner: Annette Thompson

Group Art Unit: 2825

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office action dated 06/29/2004. This extension will extend the time the response is due from 09/29/2004 to 10/29/2004.

 \blacksquare A one-month extension to 10/29/2004 is requested; the extension fee is \$110.00.

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The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 50 1128** referencing docket no. <u>SPLX.P0014.</u>

Respectfully submitted,

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